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FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 4093 ACTION STATE 28 MAY 1974. QUOTE:

S E C R E T ANKARA 4093

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TU

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISCUSSIONS

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REF: A) ANKARA 4064; B) STATE 107250

SUMMARY: GOT INDICATES READINESS SETTLE E-W QUESTION ON U.S.  
TERMS BUT ASKS CONSIDERATION ONE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN  
FINAL WORDING. COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDS AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MEETING WITH YAVUZALP 6:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME MAY 28, HE TOLD  
ME HE HAD SPENT DAY WITH FONMIN ON E-W QUESTION; THEY HAD CON-  
SULTEB OTHER MINISTERS (AND, HE IMPLIED, THE PRESIDENT)  
INDIVIDUALLY. CONSENSUS WAS GOT NEEDED E-W PACKAGE SO BADLY  
IN VIEW REDUCED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES THAT  
IT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT IT ON ALMOST ANY TERMS.

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2. THUS, HE SAID, IF USG INSISTED, THEY PREPARED TO SIGN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AS PROPOSED REF B MAY 29 OR 30. HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAD MANAGED CONVINCE OTHERS (WHICH INCLUDED TOP MILITARY) THAT USG COULD AGREE TO NO AMBIGUITY RE ITS FULFILLMENT OF COMMITMENT. HENCE TURKISH REFERENCES TO ARTICLE 3 AND DESIRE FOR DELETION FINAL PHRASE ON "EXISTING US PROGRAMS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE OR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS" COULD BE DROPPED.

3. HOWEVER, THEY STILL HAD TO DEAL WITH THOSE (AGAIN INCLUDING MILITARY) WHO FEARED US ADAMANT STAND ON WORDING REFLECTED DESIRE PULL AWAY FROM TURKEY. THUS HE WISHED PRESENT TWO ALTERNATIVE PHRASINGS FINAL PARAGRAPH LETTER WHICH HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAD WORKED OUT AND MOST SINCERELY REQUEST ME AND AMBASSADOR MACOMBER URGE WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES ACCEPT ONE OF THEM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE MATTER BUT AT SAME TIME TO LET GOT OUT OF CORNER IT WAS IN.

(A) GOT'S FIRST CHOICE FOR LAST PARAGRAPH WAS: BEGIN QUOTE. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES THAT THE CLARIFICATION OF ITS COMMITMENT IN THE ABOVE FORM DOES BY NO MEANS IMPAIR THE COOPERATION ENVISAGED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEMORANDUM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE IMPORTANCE WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPABILITIES IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSIDER FURTHER REQUESTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES IN ELECTRONIC WARFARE INFORMATION, EQUIPMENT, LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND TRAINING, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING U.S. PROGRAMS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE OR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS. END QUOTE.

(B) ITS SECOND CHOICE WAS: BEGIN QUOTE. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, REAFFIRMING ITS READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITIES OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES IN ELECTRONIC WARFARE, WILL GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO FURTHER REQUESTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ELECTRONIC WARFARE INFORMATION, EQUIPMENT, LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND TRAINING, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING U.S. PROGRAMS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE OR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS. END QUOTE.

4. I SAID I WAS GRATIFIED E-W MATTER WOULD FINALLY BE CONCLUDED.  
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AS I HAD TOLD HIM LAST NIGHT, I HAD NO DISCRETION BUT WOULD SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO WASHINGTON.

5. HAVING ACCOMPLISHED OUR MAIN PURPOSE HERE, AND HAVING FACED DOWN WHAT WAS A PARTIAL BLUFF ON TURKISH PART, I, TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM, RECOMMEND THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WASHINGTON GIVE THE MODEST FIG LEAF FOR WHICH GOT NOW ASKING. IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE HAVE PROVEN OUR STRENGTH AND

THAT A FINAL GRACEFUL GESTURE COULD PAY DIVIDENDS IN THE FUTURE WHEN  
WE MAY NEED ALL THE HIGHLY-PLACED TURKS WE CAN GET WHO WILL BE  
PREPARED TO SAY: "THE AMERICANS ARE NOT SO UNREASONABLE."

6. SHOULD WASHINGTON BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS VIEW BUT BE  
INHIBITED BY THE HURRIEDLY-WORKED OUT AND LESS THAN GRACEFUL  
PHRASING OF TURKISH ALTERNATIVES A AND B ABOVE, A POSSIBLE THIRD  
DEVICE FOR THE FINAL PARAGRAPH WOULD BE SOMETHING ALONG THE  
FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY ATTACH CONTINUING IMPORTANCE  
TO COOPERATION IN STRENGTHENING THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPABILITIES IN THE  
FIELD OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, THE UNITED  
STATES WILL CONSIDER ANY FURTHER REQUESTS ...(ETC., A LA PARA 1(B)  
REF B). END QUOTE.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP.  
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